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For: **MEDICAL DEVICE FOR LIVING SOFT TISSUE AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF SAME**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

The document AF was cited by the examiner during the examination of the corresponding European patent application. A copy of the Office Action dated December 29, 2006 is also enclosed.

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